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MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED
FOR HEROIN AND COCAINE DISTRIBUTION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Resident Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration Leo Ducey, New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, Chief Edward B. Garone of the Derry Police Department, and Chief Paul T. Donovan of the Salem Police Department, announced that Miguel Rodriguez-Fernandez, age 22, of Lawrence, Massachusetts was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in connection with the Distribution of Cocaine in Derry and Salem, New Hampshire during March and April, 2004.

The charges filed by the United States allege that Rodriguez-Fernandez distributed 78 grams of heroin and 4 grams of cocaine between March 26, and April 6, 2004. Rodriguez-Fernandez was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr., to a term of 30 months in prison and was placed on three years probation after his release. Rodriguez-Fernandez had entered a plea of guilty to the charges in December, 2004.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case represents another example of sound inter-agency cooperation to stop the flow of illegal drugs into New Hampshire and this office will continue to work vigorously toward that goal."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the efforts of the DEA, the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force, the Derry Police Department, and the Salem Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.